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SUBJ NARCOTICS - UN DRUG CONTROL ASSISTANCE FOR PAKISTAN AND
PLEA BY MARTENS FOR ADDITIONAL USG CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC

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1. SUMMARY: IN CONVERSATION WITH MISOFF JUNE 20, MARTENS, UNFDAC' S ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CONFIRMED THAT HE HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FROM GOVT OF PAKISTAN FOR PROJECT PREPARATION MISSION. MARTENS ALSO REVIEWED SITUATION RE UNFDAC' S CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE COUNTRY DRUG CONTROL PROGRAMS AND RENEWED HIS APPEAL FOR ADDITIONAL USG CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUND. END SUMMARY.

2. MARTENS TOLD MISOFF JUNE 20 THAT HE HAD RECEIVED COMMUNICATION FROM GOP SIGNED BY HOSAIN IN PRES BHUTTO' S OFFICE REQUESTING IN VERY GENERAL TERMS THAT UN SEND A MISSION TO PAKISTAN AS SOON AS FEASIBLE TO ASSESS DRUG PROBLEM
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AND SUGGEST DRUG CONTROL PROGRAM (REFTEL). MARTENS SAID THAT ADDITIONALLY DR. BRAENDEN (DIRECTOR, UN NARCOTICS LAB) HAD RECEIVED LETTER FROM KHALIL ASKING WHETHER UN LAB COULD ASSIST IN ESTABLISHMENT OF LABORATORIES IN PAKISTAN. MARTENS SAID HE PLANS TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF REQUESTS AND ASK GOP TO SPECIFY KINDS OF ASSISTANCE IT HAS IN MIND.

3. MISOFF QUERIED MARTENS AS TO WHETHER HE BELIEVED IN VIEW NUMBER OF COUNTRY DRUG CONTROL PROGRAMS ON WHICH UN ALREADY EMBARKED IT COULD ALSO MOUNT MAJOR PROGRAM IN PAKISTAN WITH SPEED WHICH DRUG SITUATION THERE REQUIRES. FROM COMMENTS MARTENS MADE IN REPLY MISOFF RECEIVED IMPRESSION THAT WHILE HE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE HAVE UN TAKE ON PROGRAM IN PAKISTAN, REALISTICALLY HE CONSIDERS THAT IN VIEW STRAINED UN CAPACITY AND FACT THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND U. S. ARE CLOSE IT WOULD BE PRUDENT IF BULK OF DRUG CONTROL PROGRAM COULD BE UNDERTAKEN BILATERALLY.

4. MARTENS THEN REVIEWED CURRENT STATE OF UNFDAC' S COUNTRY PROGRAM ACTIVITY AND MADE A PLEA FOR FUNDS. HE NOTED THAT UNFDAC ALREADY HAS PROGRAM MOVING IN THAILAND AND IS ON VERGE OF BEGINNING OPERATIONS IN AFGHANISTAN. IN ADDITION, NEGOTIATIONS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN COMPLETED FOR CANNABIS REPLACEMENT PROGRAM IN LEBANON AND IMPLEMENTATION LIKELY COMMENCE IN SEPT, ALTHOUGH EXACT TIMING DEPENDENT ON HOW SOON FAO, THE EXECUTING AGENT, CAN FIND RIGHT MAN SERVE AS PROGRAM MANAGER. FURTHERMORE, UNFDAC HAS BEEN ASKED TO UNDERTAKE PROGRAM IN BURMA AND HE HAS RECEIVED UNOFFICIAL INDICATIONS THAT BURMESE AUTHORITIES WILL WISH PROJECT PREPARATIONS TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER. NEPAL HAS ALSO INDICATED INTEREST IN COUNTRY DRUG CONTROL PROGRAM BEING UNDERTAKEN BY UN THERE. ON TOP OF THIS, PAKISTAN HAS NOW REQUESTED PROJECT PREPARATION TEAM.

5. MARTENS SAID ALL OF THIS PROMPTED HIM TO REFER TO HIS RECENT DISCUSSIONS IN WASH AND TO RENEW HIS PLEA FOR NEW CONTRIBUTION OF \$4 MILLION FROM USG. SAID HE CONSIDERS THAT UNFDAC HAS REACHED SOME KIND OF TURNING POINT, THAT HE MUST NOW CAREFULLY EXAMINE TO WHAT EXTENT FUND CAN PRUDENTLY AND RESPONSIBLY EMBARK ON NEW COUNTRY PROGRAMS IN ABSENCE ASSURED FINANCES.

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6. MISOFF ASKED WHETHER HE CONSIDERED THAT HEADQUARTERS' PERSONNEL RESOURCES ARE ADEQUATE IN FACE OF COUNTRIES' GROWING INTEREST IN UN DRUG CONTROL ASSISTANCE. HE REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE, ADDING HE HAS DISCUSSED MATTER WITH MICUTA WHO ALSO RECOGNIZES THAT STAFF MUST BE STRENGTHENED ASAP. SAID THIS LED HIM BACK TO POINT WHERE HE HAD BEGUN, NAMELY

NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES SINCE NEW STAFF WOULD HAVE BE FINANCED FROM UNFDAC. ADDED HE ENTIRELY APPRECIATES POINT THAT USG CONTRIBUTION IS ALREADY DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGH RELATIVE TO CONTRIBUTIONS OF OTHERS. BUT HE CONTINUES BELIEVE THAT THIS IS BOUND BE THE CASE AT THIS EARLY POINT IN FUND' S DEVELOPMENT. SAID HE WILL DO HIS BEST TO PROMOTE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHERS.

7. MARTENS REQUESTED THAT MISOFF INFORM WASH OF HIS RENEWED APPEAL FOR FUNDS AND INQUIRE WHETHER HE MIGHT EXPECT TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL USG CONTRIBUTION SOON.

8. COMMENT: WE WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATON ASAP AS TO PROSPECT FOR EARLY ADDITIONAL USG CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC. FROM OUR OBSERVATIONS HERE, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT UNFDAC CAN STRENGTHEN STAFFING RESOURCES OF DND AND FUND IN TIME TO PERMIT UN SPEEDILY TO UNDERTAKE MAJOR PROGRAM IN PAKISTAN AND CONSIDER THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE STEER GOP IN DIRECTION BILATERAL ASSISTANCE. BASSIN

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